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SUBJECT: ORE ALLOCATION FOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNIDO

1. IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UNIDO/ORE WITHIN  
CEILING FIXED FOR THIS ITEM IF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF MAIN-  
TAINING RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY PERMREP ARE TO BE MET.

2. TYPICAL HOURLY WAGE FOR UNSKILLED CLEANING HELP IS 40  
SCHILLINGS. (THIS FIGURE REPORTED IN THE EMBASSY'S MOST RE-  
CENTLY SUBMITTED RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE.) FIVE-DAY-A-WEEK  
LIVE-OUT HELP WORKING AN 8-HOUR DAY COSTS 1,600 SCHILLINGS  
A WEEK OR 83,200 SCHILLINGS A YEAR. TO THIS BASIC WAGE MUST  
BE ADDED: (A) A 6,400 SCHILLING CHRISTMAS BONUS; (B) A 9,600  
SCHILLING ANNUAL VACATION BONUS; AND (C) ANNUAL SOCIAL  
SECURITY PAYMENTS AS HIGH AS 36,000 SCHILLINGS. ALL OF THESE  
ARE REQUIRED BY AUSTRIAN LAW. IN ADDITION, THE ANNUAL COST  
OF PROVIDING A DAILY MEAL TO LIVE-OUT HELP AMOUNTS TO SOME  
6,900 SCHILLINGS. (THIS FIGURE IS BASED ON AN EMBASSY  
STANDARD CALCULATION OF 30 SCHILLINGS A MEAL.) THUS THE  
TYPICAL ANNUAL COST FOR THIS TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD HELP TOTALS  
SOME 142,100 SCHILLINGS. AT AN EXCHANGE RATE OF AS 16.975  
TO 1 DOLLAR IN EFFECT MARCH 31, THIS WORKS OUT TO THE EQUIV-  
ALENT OF \$8,371.13.

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2. EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT MINIMUM MAINTENANCE OF PERMREP'S  
RESIDENCE REQUIRES TWO PERSONS EACH WORKING AN  
EIGHT-HOUR DAY. ON THE ABOVE CALUCLATIONS, THIS MEANS AN  
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF \$16,742.27 SOLELY FOR HOUSEHOLD HELP  
AND MAKING NO ALLOWANCE FOR THE MANY OTHER INCIDENTAL EX-  
PENSES INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING THE HOUSE. THE CURRENT ORE

CEILING OF \$3,200 PLUS THE OFFICER'S REQUIRED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,500 FALLS \$7,042.27 SHORT OF PROVIDING EVEN THE NEEDED MAINTENANCE HELP.

4. ACTUAL UNIDO/ORE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT EXPENDITURES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF FY-77 CAME TO \$5,047.60 AT THE VOUCHERED EXCHANGE RATES. OTHER ITEMS CHARGEABLE TO ORE BROUGHT THE TOTAL TO \$6,291.84. THE ORE FUNDS PROVIDED (\$4,100) PLUS PERMREP'S PERSONAL STANDARD CONTRIBUTION (\$750) AMOUNT TO \$4,850 AND LEAVE PERREP OUT OF POCKET \$1,441.84. ACTUAL EXPENDITURES WERE HELD DOWN ONLY BY CONSTANT BICKERING WITH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES ABOUT WAGES, ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS WOULD BE MADE AND ABOUT THE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT COULD BE WORKED PER WEEK. ADDITIONALLY, UNDER-FUNDING OF ORE HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP HELP ON FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND HAS PROVED TO BE A SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT, ANNOYANCE AND FRUSTRATION.

5. IN COMPARISON WITH THE DCM OF THE EMBASSY IN VIENNA, UNIDO MISSION ORE HAS BEEN GROSSLY UNDER-FUNDED. THE DCM IS PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 175 HOURS PER WEEK FOR OFFICIAL RESIDENCE MAINTENANCE AND IN 1977 THE EMBASSY HAS BUDGETED \$30,000 FOR THIS ITEM. THE RESIDENTS OCCUPIED BY THE DCM AND UNIDO PERREP ARE OF ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AND CHARACTER AND REQUIRE ABOUT THE SAME EFFORT TO MAINTAIN PROPERLY.

6. TO SUM UP, THE FOLLOWING TABLE RECAPITULATES THE SITUATION IN LIGHT OF REQUIREMENTS:

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UATION IN LIGHT OF REQUIREMENTS:

A. TYPICAL ANNUAL COST OF 2 HOUSEHOLD HELP: 284,200 SCHILLINGS OR \$16,742 AT MARCH 31 EXCHANGE RATE.

B. TOTAL ANTICIPATED ORE EXPENDITURES FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR PROJECTED FROM FIRST 6 MONTHS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AFTER STANDARD \$125 MONTHLY DEDUCTION: \$11,083

C. PRESENT UNIDO/ORE CEILING: \$8,200

D. PROJECTED ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET: \$2,883

7. TO HELP RELIEVE THIS SITUATION, URGENTLY REQUEST THAT UNIDO/ORE CEILING FOR FISCAL YEAR 77 BE INCREASED BY \$3,000, AND THAT THE MISSION ALLOTMENT BE INCREASED TO COVER THESE COSTS. STIBRAVY

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